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BRIEFING NOTE FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: CIA U-2 RECONNAISSANCE ACTIVITIES

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1. During the period 1 September 1963 through 22 February 1964, the Agency accomplished twenty-four overflights [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Eighteen missions were flown against requirements in China, North Korea, Southeast Asia and the Sino/Indian Border. Dates of missions are shown in Attachment I. Forecast and approvals are contained in Attachment II.

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3. In each area of operations, such as the Sino/Indian Border, before the Detachment is redeployed to Edwards AFB, the overall operation is discussed with COMOR with a view toward validation of targets. When less than 100% coverage has been obtained and mission approvals have been expended and COMOR validates the remaining targets, additional missions are requested. When COMOR indicates that the remaining targets do not justify an additional mission, the operation is considered complete.

4. From 1 September 1963 to date the Agency had a total of seven aircraft assigned, but during most of that period only four were available for operational missions. Two aircraft were on loan to SAC from 1 September 1963 to late November. One of these aircraft was lost over Key West in mid November. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] All Agency aircraft were restricted from operational overflights from 15 January 1964 to 15 February 1964 because of fuel control problems which have now been resolved.

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